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Conestoga College markets its own products

By Julie Lawrence

Conestoga College will be marketing its own crested wares for the 1989-90 school year with the help of the business administration students in accounting and marketing.

David Gross, vice-president of marketing and community relations, said the college will have business administration students

market and promote the products with the new Conestoga logo. Students will be able to buy everything from sweatshirts and pants to bumper stickers and coffee mugs when they start classes in September.

Gross said he hopes by making the products more readily available to the college community, people will purchase more products. In return, they will wear

the logoed t-shirts and sweatsuits in public, showing the community that students are proud to attend Conestoga and the staff are proud to work here.

In the past, items were sold either through the college bookstore or Doon Sports — a sporting goods store on Doon Valley Drive — which set up a display table at the college. Doon Sports had a one-year contract with the college that

will not be renewed this year.

The college will charge the business administration students a royalty for the use of the college's name on the products. The remaining profits will "in one way or another be returned to the student body in the form of new equipment, such as a laser printer for the students' use," said Gross.

Students selling the products will also be paid for their time, he added, but it hasn't been deter-

mined whether or not the jobs will be made available only to business administration students.

The products are still on order but will be available for the new school year.

It hasn't been determined yet where the products will be sold but Gross said he expects display tables, similar to those Doon Sports used, will be set up throughout the Doon campus.

Committee to protest Cambridge closing

By John Freitas

Wally Piper's crusade to keep Conestoga College's Cambridge campus open has resulted in the formation of a local committee dedicated to keeping the campus open.

The Keep Conestoga College Open Committee, which is comprised of eight Cambridge residents, including several of local prominence, was formed July 31, said Piper, former leisure time committee president and a graduate of the Ontario Basic Skills Program offered at the 1305 Bishop St. campus.

Cambridge aldermen Rick Cow-sill and Bill Struck are among the committee members. Struck is also a graduate of the OBS program.

Other committee members include Joe Hobin, who recently resigned from a supervisory role at

the Cambridge Canada Employment Centre; Kevin VanAllen, president of the Cambridge students association; Shirley Davey who, prior to her resignation, was the senior faculty member at the campus; part-time student Bev Virgin; Kevin Schut, who recently resigned from the leisure time committee presidency; and Piper, who first began the crusade.

Mike Farnan, Cambridge MPP, recently held separate meetings with Piper and Conestoga president John Tibbits.

"The reality of the matter is, if I felt that Cambridge was being short-changed or if I felt there was going to be a significant reduction in the level of program offerings within the community, then I would be taking it up with the provincial government," said Farnan. Farnan suggested there are many variables in the situation and

more time is needed to study them.

In the meantime, Farnan said it is his intention to facilitate a process by which Piper's committee and the college's board of governors are able to have effective dialogue.

In the future, Piper's committee will begin knocking on doors, petitioning Cambridge citizens for support. Piper's committee hopes these petitions will have a greater impact on Cambridge aldermen when he next appears before council.

A college task force is exploring the issue and is scheduled to make its recommendations to Tibbits at the end of the year. The lease at 1305 Bishop St. expires April 31, 1990, and it is not yet known where the preparatory programs will be relocated.

Piper's committee hopes to address the college's next board of governors meeting Sept. 25.

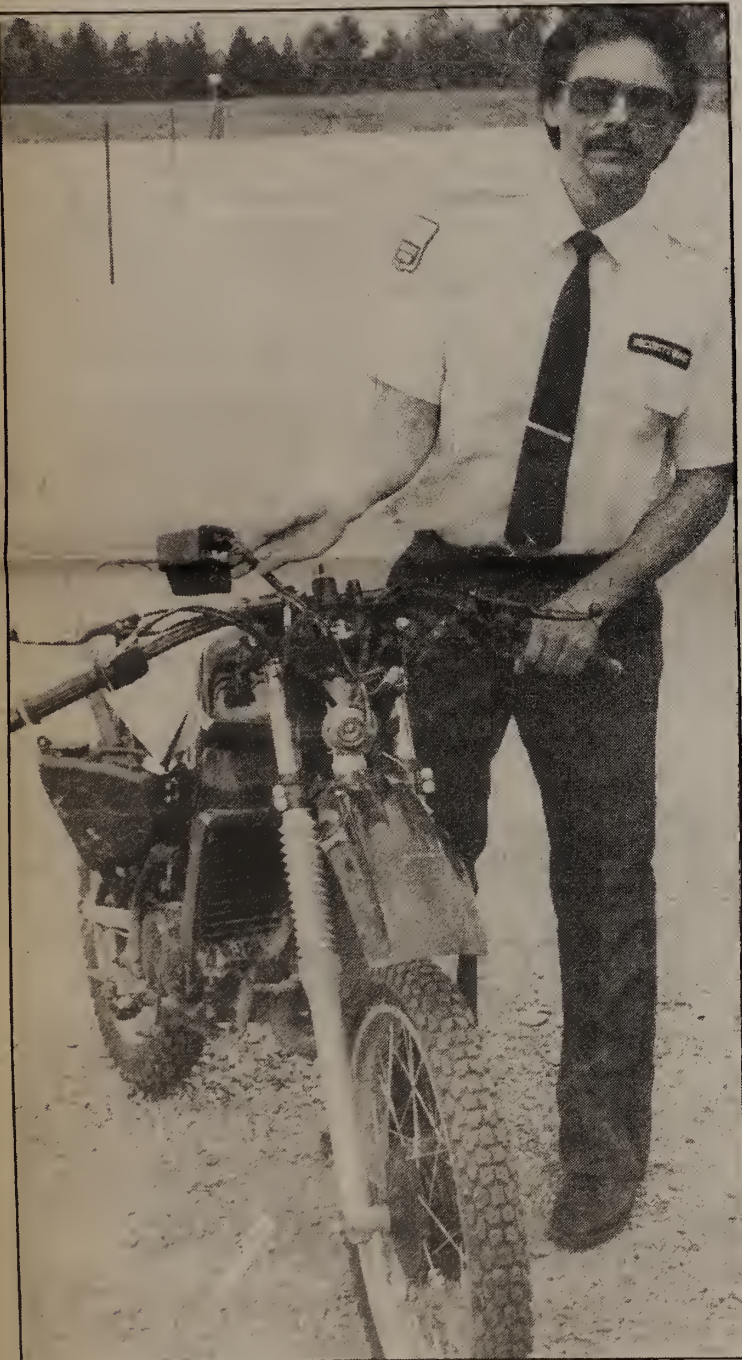


Photo by Julie Lawrence/Spoke

Ron Nanitowabi points out damage on one returned bike.

Dirt bikes returned

By Julie Lawrence

Two off-road motorcycles reported stolen from the storage shed by parking lot four on July 24 have been recovered by the Waterloo regional police.

On July 29, police located two motorcycles on the Doon Valley golf course, said Janet Smith, assistant security supervisor.

The bikes were minimally damaged. One bike was scratched

and out of gas and the other's wiring was damaged. Smith said the bikes, on loan from Royal City Cycle, can easily be repaired.

A third missing bike was recovered by police on Aug. 3 in Wilson Park in Kitchener. It was slightly damaged.

On May 27, two other off-road motorcycles, worth about \$2,500, were reported stolen by college security. Smith said the police have no leads.

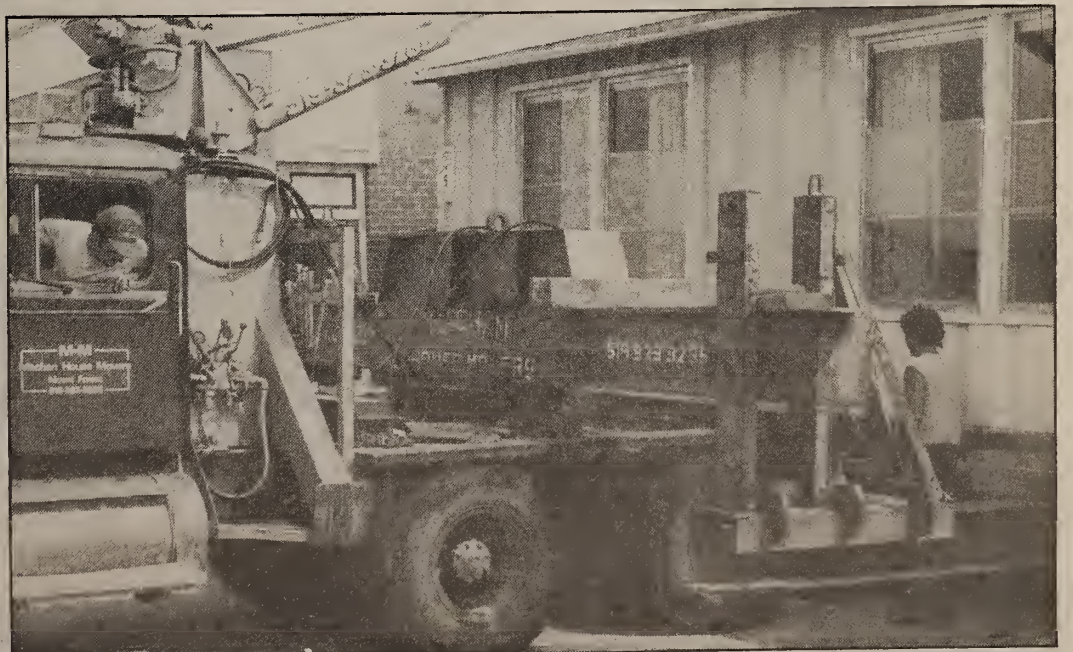


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Portables really are portable

Machen House Movers of Mount Forest ease one of Waterloo campus's portables onto its new location at the back of the college. They were moved to make room for the early childhood education facilities to be constructed this year.

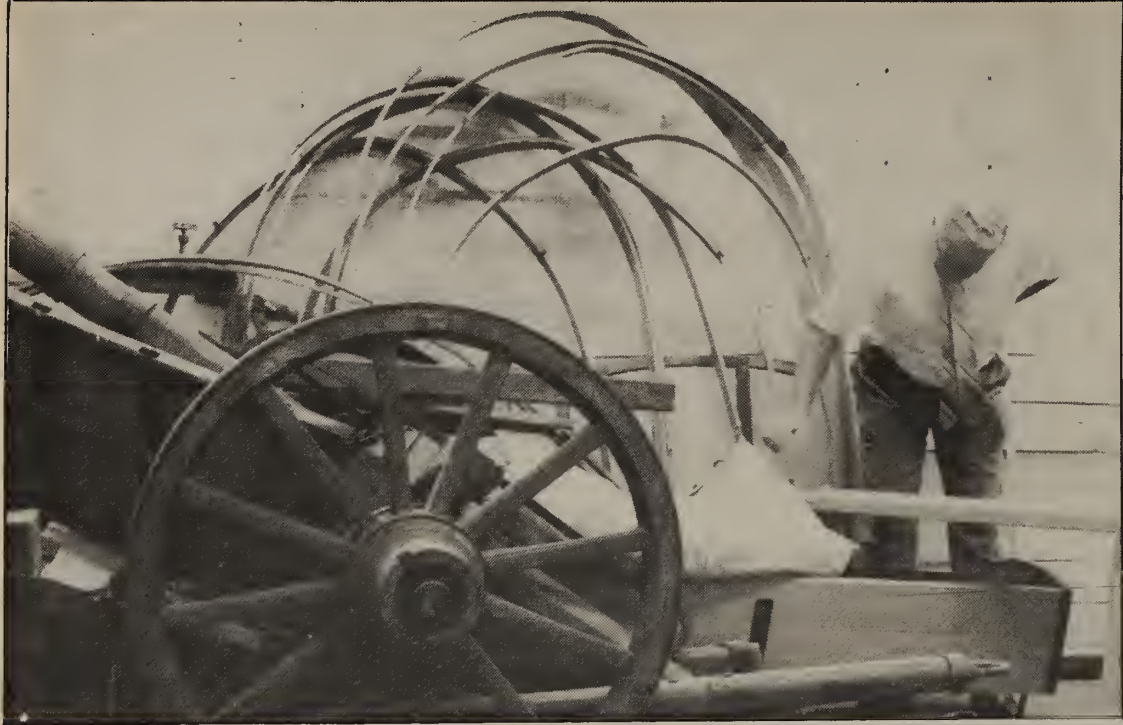


Photo by Julie Lawrence/Spoke

Security supervisor Bob Gilberds inspects pieces of the Conestoga wagon.

Wagon is symbol of college's heritage

By Julie Lawrence

To some, the Conestoga wagon might symbolize the heritage behind the founding of Conestoga College and the pioneer tradition.

To others, the woodworking technician graduating class of 1970 in particular, it might represent the hard work devoted to the making of a conestoga wagon replica.

In 1968, about 14 students from the two-year program took on the task of building a version of the Conestoga wagon. Author-publisher George Shumway from York, Pennsylvannia, loaned the college a Quickel Conestoga wagon to use as a guideline for the replica.

On Dec.16, 1968, after receiving a letter from Grant Glennie, coordinator of the program, Shumway agreed to allow the college to use, as a model, his original version of the wagon, built in 1750, on the condition the woodworking technician department did some minor repairs to his wagon.

Glennie said the department agreed to restore the wagon because there was little work involved.

Building the college's Gingrich wagon, similar in appearance to Shumway's Quickel (the name given to that particular wagon), took longer than Glennie expected.

"It took the class two years to build instead of one," said Glennie.

In May, 1970, during the woodworking technician convocation, the graduating class presented the wagon to the college.

"Four horses pulled the wagon to the front steps of the Mutual Life building on Union Street where the convocation was being held," said Glennie.

In October, 1985, while cleaning out the old woodworking building, a feed box for the horses from Shumway's wagon was found.

Glennie said his immediate reaction to the discovery was to give the feedbox to the Doon Pioneer Village to be used with its Conestoga wagon.

The manager at the village told Glennie they would be unable to accept the gift without the written permission of the owner.

Shumway, who was unaware the feed box had been missing, said he wanted it back.

Now Shumway's wagon is complete but Conestoga's version is not.

After being displayed until 1988 in Doon campus' powerhouse, Conestoga's wagon has been taken apart and is being stored in the old woodworking room.

"It needs a lot of work to restore it," said Glennie. But one day he hopes it will look like new again, housed in its own display case.

Board of Governors

ELECTION NOTICE

Two (2) persons are to be elected as members of the Conestoga College of Applied Arts and Technology Board of Governors, one (1) each from:

* All full and part-time students enrolled in a program of instruction leading to a document of recognition awarded by the Board of Governors;

Term of office: January 1, 1990 — December 31, 1990

* All full and part-time support staff (office, clerical, technical, health care, maintenance, building service, shipping, transportation, cafeteria and nursery staff) employed by the Board of Governors;

Term of office: January 1, 1990 — December 31, 1990

The terms of reference for these "elected" internal members are the same as those for external members of the Board of Governors. Nomination notices will be posted on campus bulletin boards and nomination forms will be available on Sept. 22, 1989 in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Closing date for nominations: October 13, 1989

List of nominees to be posted on campus bulletin boards October 25, 1989.

ELECTION DAY — Wednesday,

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Further information available from Student Services

Application/Interview deadline: September 27

New elevator at Stratford gets students to the top

By Charlene Petrie

Handicapped nursing students will finally have a chance to see the upper and lower floors of the college's Stratford campus.

Construction began July 31 on an elevator that will allow students, as well as the building's other residents, access to living quarters on the upper floor and storage areas on the lower floor. It is expected to be finished by the end of this year.

The building, owned by the Stratford General Hospital and leased to Conestoga College, has had no wheelchair access to any part of the building except the main entrance.

"It was basically a co-operative decision between the hospital and Conestoga," said Ken Brubacher, director of plant and buildings for the Stratford General Hospital. "Everyone agreed that the building was in need of better access."

Though classes are held on the main floor, many students rent rooms on campus. When construction is complete and the elevator in place, handicapped students will also be able to live on the upper floors.

"It was necessary to use a small portion of the library to accommodate the elevator but the loss of space is minimal," said Brubacher.

According to Brubacher, the project will receive no government funding. The work will be paid for by the Stratford General Hospital with rent money received from Conestoga as well as room rentals at the residence.

Construction costs will total close to \$200,000.



Photo by Charlene Petrie/Spoke

Walt Gordner makes room for an elevator at Stratford.

Peer tutoring increases in popularity

By John Freitas

Jo-Anne Morgan, Co-ordinator of peer tutoring at Doon campus, says help is available if, as a full-time student, you are dissatisfied with your grades.

Since its introduction more than seven years ago, peer tutoring has become increasingly popular at Doon campus.

Last year, 70 students had over 220 contracts totalling over 1,100 hours of tutoring and Morgan says this is a measure of the program's success.

Students interested in having a tutor must first arrange an interview with Morgan at the student services centre.

"At the end of the interview, we have looked at a number of areas in their approach to their subject," said Morgan. "Quite often, if someone is having difficulty, they need to make changes. . . . So often at the end of a session, tutoring is just one of the strategies that the student and I have come up with to increase their mark." Not all students are eligible for tutoring, however.

"They have to be sincere about getting a handle on the program," said Morgan. "You can't be looking for a quick and easy answer. They need to be someone who is attending their classes on a regular basis — a motivated student who needs the extra boost."

Students eligible for peer tutoring will be matched with someone from their own program who has completed the course with high grades.

Morgan has interviewed many students and says there are a

variety of reasons why students have low grades, including poor adjustment to the college environment.

"A lot of people find it very difficult making the transition from high school because it's a different learning environment with different expectations," said Morgan. "The mature student population who may not have been in school for several years may need to brush up on learning skills and getting used to being in school."

Program co-ordinators and faculty have some influence on Morgan's selection of tutors, recommending students with high academic standing at the end of the school year.

Many students inquire about working as a tutor and Morgan said their rewards are great.

"It increases their communication skills and they like working with other students, she said. It makes their knowledge of the course even sounder. It has been proven that those who tutor find their own marks tend to improve."

There is a financial reward as well. All student tutors are paid \$7 per hour. Tutors, however, must honor contracts which specify that five hours in total must be spent with a student. Students may renegotiate another contract with Morgan if they feel they need additional tutoring.

Many tutors are capable of tutoring several subjects.

"The beauty of it (peer tutoring) is that you are working with someone who is your peer," said Morgan. They speak your language and they understand why you are having difficulty.

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Student BOG rep finally gets power

By Andy Schoenhofer

"Wanted: person (or perdaughter) to represent the college's students on the board of governors. Must have verbal skills, motor skills optional."

An election ad for the student member of the board of governors might read like that right now. Elections for this and another internal (within the college) position are coming up Nov. 15 (see ad elsewhere in this issue). These representatives will have all the rights of external members except voting rights.

Except voting rights? Shouldn't the people actually in the college have some power over what happens to them?

The answer, of course, is yes, and voting rights should be in place by the end of this year, according to council of regents predictions. But we shouldn't take it so lightly, the process took at least two years and two ministers of colleges and universities. We're talking Ontario provincial legislature here.

First, someone had to suggest maybe internal members would be a good thing to have around a board of governors. Then the Ontario council of regents, an advisory body to the minister of colleges and universities, had to be persuaded to advise the minister that internal members should have a vote. Then everyone had to wait until the minister made a decision.

This last step has been known to take some time. In this case, Greg Sorbara (then the minister) decided in 1987 on a two-year trial for internal members. The new minister, Sean Conway, also likes the idea and has forwarded it to the legislature.

The ball is now in the Ontario cabinet regulations committee's backyard and we're waiting hopefully for them to throw it back.

And, as the council of regents' media flack said to me on the phone: "Usually, if it doesn't involve money the committee passes things pretty quickly." Not vital to them, but it is to us.

Someone with enough motor skills to vote is needed.

Maybe you should run for office.



From Doon

YOU TELL US:

What are you looking forward to most in the upcoming school year?



"I'm pretty excited about the program and meeting new friends."
Sarah Wright
 First-year nursing



"I know there's going to be a lot of good times around here. I'm also looking forward to getting in shape at the gym."
Jennifer Russell
 First-year nursing



"Getting through this course."
Lawrie McCann
 First-year nursing



"Improving my weaknesses in behavioural sciences and English."
Jean Middleton
 General arts and science



"Graduating."
Blair Fitzpatrick
 First-year welding



"Seeing everybody I know again."
Ralph Beilstein
 Third-year electronics

Immigration maintains Canada's social structure



By Charlene Petrie

Seven billion people currently inhabit this planet. Canada has the second-largest land mass in the world but we enjoy a population of 26 million.

For as long as I can remember, Canadians have resisted any attempt to increase the number of immigrants allowed into Canada.

If only the media would realize the importance of educating Canadians about the consequences of such selfish attitudes.

There were only 15.1 births per 1,000 Canadian women in 1982, the lowest figure since the government began keeping records in 1921. At this rate, our population steadily declines and circumstances change.

Prices rise. The only way to keep prices down is to sell to a large market. With a declining population, Canada should expect to lose its competitive position in the world market. Unfortunately, this is not the only financial consequence.

Social services decline. As baby boomers reach retirement age, there will be fewer working Canadians to support pensions, medical bills and social programs. Thus, a declining social state results.

If the present fertility rate continues, Canada will lose 40 per cent of its population over the next 100 years.

Canadians have never been properly informed of the situation — it's obvious every time the question of immigration is discussed. When increased immigration is suggested, Canadians react with alarm.

"They're taking our jobs," can be heard on every street corner from coast to coast. These concerned citizens don't realize that without immigration, there would be fewer job opportunities for anyone unfortunate enough to be an out-of-work Canadian.

In light of the declining birth rate, Canada will have to accept 175,000 immigrants each year just to keep our population at current levels. In 1985, Ottawa allowed only 84,000 immigrants into Canada. Could it be that even our trusted government doesn't understand the importance of increasing our population?

Since our government is hesitant to increase the number of immigrants, it should at least try to create growth within our country by introducing expanded family benefits, generous maternity leave benefits and housing subsidies.

Population growth is one of the few areas where futurists can make accurate predictions and they're predicting a situation Canada will not be able to control.

Canadians must either educate our leaders or educate their fellow Canadians so we can demand action on the part of our government.

For those of us who boast of the wonderful country we live in, it's time we take measures to keep it that way.

Long named coach of hockey team

By Mike Matthews

Conestoga College's varsity men's hockey team will have a different look this year, both on the ice and behind the bench. The team will have eight to 10 new faces on the ice and a new head coach when the season starts.

Scott Long, who has worked as an assistant to former head coach Dan Young for the past four seasons, will assume the head coaching duties for the coming year.

Young, who is the supervisor of athletic and campus recreation, has been part of Conestoga's hockey scene for 16 of the past 18 years,

and will assist Long when needed. "I decided to step down as coach because I felt that I had to devote more time to my other athletic duties and some new initiatives that we've been working on here at the recreation centre," Young said.

The department wants to introduce an athletic scholarship, one for each of the five major varsity teams.

Coach Long has both played and coached at the junior B level and has also played at the Intermediate level. He played one year of college hockey at St. Clair College in Windsor and for two seasons here at Conestoga.

Long became an assistant coach

at the college toward the end of the 1985-86 season, and is looking forward to the coming season.

"We're losing about 10 players from last year's squad, and we're looking to fill two spots at each position," Long said.

While there will be a number of new faces on the team, there will be little difference in the way the team approaches its games, because Long's coaching philosophy is similar to Young's.

"Basically, I'm looking for the team to play disciplined hockey and be aggressive and hardworking, pretty much the way Dan wanted them to play," Long said.

New road surprises Doon Sports owner

By Rick Webster

The new access road into the college was somewhat of a surprise, according to Doon Sports' proprietor Janet Shackleton.

When Shackleton bought the property two years ago, she knew nothing of plans to close Pinnacle Drive.

"When we bought the property, we didn't know it (Pinnacle Drive) was closing," she said.

Prior to the construction, motorists were forced to pass by

Shackleton's store. But when Conestoga College Boulevard opens, college traffic will miss her store.

Despite objections at Kitchener council meetings by Shackleton and the store's neighbors, the city went ahead with the construction.

"The city never came to me and said 'What do you think (about the road closure)?' The property owner across the street has been there for 10 years and he didn't know anything about the road closure," said Shackleton.

Another obstacle she'll have to

overcome is the termination of her contract with Conestoga allowing her to sell merchandise sporting the college name and logo.

Conestoga College plans to market the merchandise with the help of the business administration programs.

"I tried to meet the demands of the college. I bent over backwards for them. . . they'll learn the same way I did," she said. Shackleton will continue to service the college even though she will not be permitted to sell Conestoga products.

Conestoga Condor varsity tryout schedule

(all tryouts at Doon campus)

Sport	Date	Time	Place
Men's Hockey	Sept.5	5:00 p.m	arena
Women's Softball	Sept.5	5:00 p.m.	diamond #1
Men's Soccer	Sept.6	4:30 p.m.	soccer field
Women's Soccer	Sept.6	4:30 p.m.	soccer field
Men's Basketball	Sept.18	6:00 p.m.	gymnasium
Women's Basketball	Sept.26	6:00 p.m.	gymnasium

Condor intramurals are alive and kicking at Conestoga

(Join us for the KICK OFF to intramurals)

Participate in the following intramurals:

Men's Fastball	-begins Sept.19 at 4:30 p.m.
Co-ed Slo-pitch	-begins Sept.20 at 4:30 p.m.
Co-ed Flag Football	-begins Sept.21 at 4:30 p.m.

The athletics staff and the intramural committee will be located in the lower cafeteria during lunch hours to answer questions and hand out information concerning intramurals. If you miss us during lunch, please drop into the athletic or intramural offices at the recreation centre.

Intercampus events (all campuses)

	Date	Time
intercampus co-ed golf tournament (Doon Valley Golf Course) \$20 per person, includes golf and prizes.	Sept.14	2:00 p.m.
co-ed slo-pitch tournament (at Doon) \$20 per team	Sept.28	4:00 p.m.

*sign up during the week of Sept. 5-11

*all teams must pre-register to play in these one-day events.

For more information on the intramural programs contact Barb McCauley or call 748-3512 ext. 386

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

INFO HUNT

Welcome first year students!!! Here is a chance for you to find out some interesting facts about Conestoga College and the Doon Student Association!!

All you have to do is complete the form below to the best of your ability and submit it to the DSA Activities Office by Thursday Sept. 7, 1989.

HERE ARE THE REAL EASY QUESTIONS:

- Name the Presidents of the following:
 - Doon Student Assoc. _____
 - Conestoga College _____
- Find the room number or portable number of the following:
 - Student Services Office _____
 - Nurses Office _____
 - General Education Office _____
 - Continuing Education Office _____
 - Security Office _____
 - Bookstore _____
 - DSA Administration Office _____
- What is the theme for ORIENTATION '89? _____
- How much is it to rent a locker this year? _____
- How much is it to buy a semester parking pass? _____
- Name one building at Doon Campus that is not part of the main building. _____
- Who is the Doon Campus Principal? _____
- What is the name of our school newspaper? _____
- What is the name of our school radio station? _____
- What is the name of the cafeteria in the technology wing? _____
- What is a Doon Student Association BOD? _____
- What are the Bookstore hours? _____
- What is the Conestoga College Condor? _____
- Name the Mystery Word on the Digital Display Board in the cafeteria or the Student Lounge? _____
- How many lockers are in the main building at Doon Campus? _____

RULES:

- Only students who are in their first year can enter!
- Entries must be submitted to the DSA Activities Office by Thursday Sept. 7, 1989 at noon.
- Winner will be the entry with the most questions answered correctly.
- Winners will be posted on Monday Sept. 11, 1989 outside the DSA Activities Office. Prizes can be picked up at this time.

Name: _____

Program: _____

Latest hi-tech equipment given to promote college

By Julie Lawrence

The Ontario Centre for Advanced Manufacturing has donated over \$100,000 worth of display equipment to Conestoga to be used for college promotion.

OCAM was set up by the Ontario government as a window to the industry, up-to-date with the latest technological advancements. David Gross, vice-president of marketing and community relations, said the OCAM budget had been partially cut so the equipment was donated to the college because the centre no longer needed it under its reduced budget.

Some extra promotional pieces of equipment were given to the college to aid it in promoting the technology programs.

Gross said it has not been decided where the display pieces will find a permanent home. Gross and other faculty members originally

hoped the display cases could be used at shopping malls and other college events promoting the college. Because of the display's size and bulky weight, it won't be easily moved and set up as quickly as the college had planned. It took two to three days in June for a college technician to set up the display in the old woodworking shop. The college was going to use the equipment for a technology display it had at Market Square in June.

Gross said he thought the blue and white display would be either set up in one of the front lobbies of the Doon campus or in the wood-working centre.

The display might be used at a couple of trade shows with which the college is involved if the show lasts at least a week. Gross said it wasn't worth the college manpower to keep setting up and taking down the equipment for smaller, one-day shows.

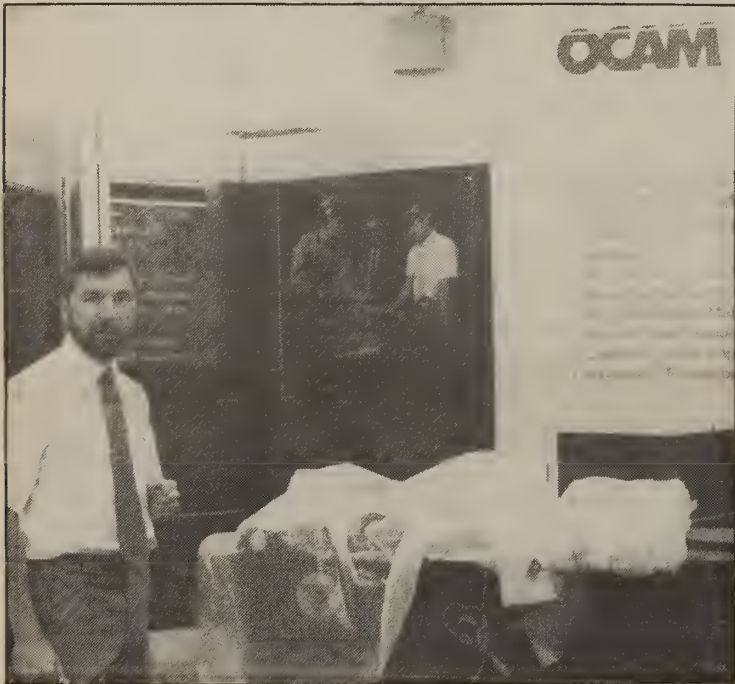


Photo by Julie Lawrence/Spoke

Dave Gross unveils display equipment donated by OCAM.

Permit deadline Sept. 29

By Alan Elliott

Construction of the new road running from Homer Watson Boulevard through the Doon campus, expected to last till November, will not affect parking in lot one, according to David Putt, the college's director of physical resources.

"The new road will swing 15 to 20 feet in front of that parking lot," Putt said.

When the intersection of the new road (at Doon Valley Drive) is under construction, Putt said access to lot one will be through lot two. To reach lots two, three and four, traffic will have to follow Pinnacle Drive to Old Mill Road and turn right.

Putt said the construction would not affect the number of parking spaces available in lot one.

The problem of parking capacity overflow occurs occasionally, according to Janet Smith, assistant security supervisor, who said, "There's no guarantee in our rules that you'll have a spot."

Smith said students have been given permission to park along the side of Doon Valley Drive when the lots are filled: "We call the police and tell them we're going to have an overflow."

But Smith added there are usually spaces in lot four, the gravel lot at the southeast end of the campus.

Parking prices will remain at the same level as last academic year: \$60 a year (\$10 for motorcycles), \$35 for four months, or 50 cents a day. Metered parking is 30 cents an hour and evening parking for continuing education students will be \$3.50.

The college will not ticket cars without permits until Friday, Sept. 29, to allow students time to purchase them. After that, Smith said, regulations will be strictly enforced. She also said leniency will not be granted during that time to



Photo by Alan Elliott/Spoke

Rose Marie Uebele finds a use for spare change.

those violating other regulations, such as parking in no-parking areas.

The fine for a parking infraction is \$10 if paid within seven days and \$15 after that. Parking violations at the college are covered by city

bylaw. The licence on a car with outstanding parking fines cannot be renewed.

Smith said a table will be set up outside the security office in September to sell permits and make students aware of the regulations.

Woman carpenter teaches trades

By Alan Elliott

A Peterborough woman who spent several years in the Kitchener-Waterloo area subcontracting general carpentry work begins teaching the college's newest technology program in September.

Doreen Duffus, a graduate of a non-traditional occupations course for women at the Waterloo campus, took carpentry at the Guelph campus and after that, landed contracts in the area, constructing roofs, decks and furniture, with a team of women working for her.

Duffus will teach the old program's successor, a course called women into technology and trades (WITT).

She said she had little difficulty breaking into a field traditionally dominated by men, and seldom encountered discrimination.

"It was more of a 'prove you can do it' kind of thing. I think the biggest reaction we got was from people driving by — they'd look, slow down and take a second look."

She said one contractor gave them a "lot of flak" until he saw they were doing a good job. Space and equipment for the program has been provided at the Detweiler Centre. Duffus said the 18-week program will include woodworking, welding, plumbing, electrical and electronic skills — "a little bit of everything, just basics."

Unemployed women interested in re-entering the work force in a technological area are referred to the course through the Canada Employment Commission and are granted a training allowance or unemployment insurance benefits.

The program replaces the eight-week introduction to non-traditional occupations course (INTO) at the request of the CEC, which provides funding for various retraining programs.

Mavis Johansen, the CEC's counselling co-ordinator, said the change was made because they wanted more time to teach maths and sciences and offer hands-on experience with the tools.

Duffus said one advantage of the

longer course is that it will give women more time to decide on the area they want to enter.

Duffus, originally interested in physical education, studied sports administration at the college in Oshawa but said afterward, she felt a deeper interest in skilled trades. She decided then to take INTO at the Waterloo campus.

After her work subcontracting, Duffus accepted a position drawing structural plans at Royale Industries in Peterborough. The company builds motor homes and Duffus had a hand in designing a fifth wheel, now in production, before coming to the college.

Marg Smith, chairperson of academic support for applied arts and preparatory programs, said the course will include a "general over-run (of technical trades) and then you have occupational family clusters" in each specific area.

Duffus said a woman completing the WITT course "could roll into one of the college (technological) programs or take a retraining program."

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Nurses face clinical challenge

By John Freitas

Third-year pre-grad diploma nursing students from Doon campus will spend the next 14 weeks in clinical agencies before their graduation in November.

These nursing students recently completed two intensive weeks of theory and practical application at the college. During this time they focused on nursing professionalism and clarified their own values. They also held a day-long workshop on the legal aspects of nursing.

The students reviewed professional and personal values and considered ethical issues as well as their commitment to their profession.

Nursing co-ordinator Sue Johnstone explained a new nurse often finds herself challenged and facing ethical dilemmas in areas such as confidentiality. Johnstone said it is not uncommon for the new nurse to feel intimidated by her surroundings. Sometimes she

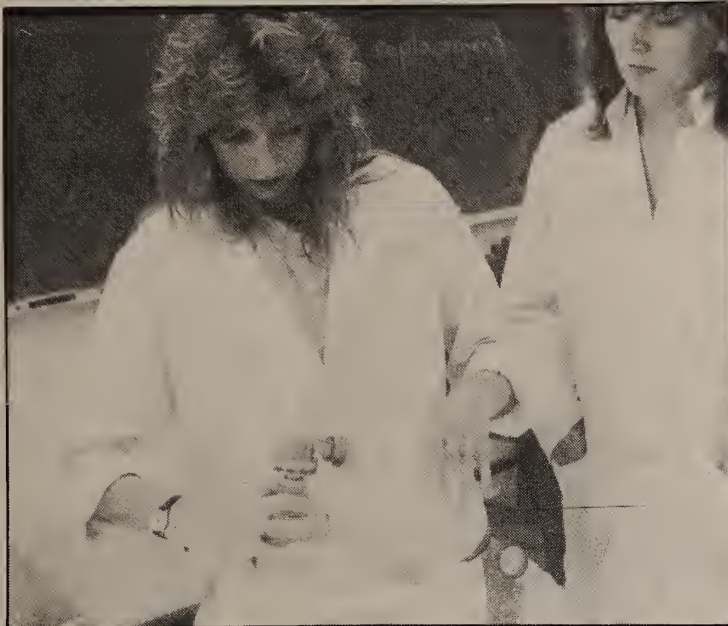


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Shelley Merkel (left) and Tammie Smith

is encouraged to do a half-hearted job in certain areas of care.

"What the students are learning

to do is to stand up for what they believe in so they maintain high standards," said Johnstone.

Police visit shocks refugee class

By Alan Elliott

A regional police constable's visit to the Waterloo campus's Project Mainstream class so visibly shook students that the faculty included a police-awareness session in the English as a second language program.

Const. Dan Anderson was invited July 11 to address students on bicycle safety. The class, refugees from various countries and normally full of questions for visitors, was clearly intimidated.

Carol Trotter, the program's co-ordinator, attributed this to the fact that many of them have fled repressive regimes.

"They have a horror of the police because often in their countries the police have been very corrupt."

Trotter cited Iran, eastern Europe and Central America as locations notorious for human rights abuse and said many of the students are from those areas. She said in Romania, for example, the police will shave the accused's head upon arrest: fear of public humiliation, authorities presume, will help control the people.

Since Project Mainstream's mandate includes teaching social awareness as well as English skills, the faculty invited Const. Anderson back to answer questions about the police in Canada — about their operation and about our legal system.

Project Mainstream was developed using funds from the Canadian Jobs Strategy program to help the severely employment-disadvantaged. The council has recently considered language barriers to be a severe disadvantage in obtaining work.

Because the program is designed to help immigrants into the work force, tours of local businesses, job shadows (several days of on-the-job observation) and seminars presented by professionals and skilled workers are arranged.

The apprehension of many of the class members had not entirely dissipated by Anderson's second visit, Trotter said. A Polish couple had been stopped that morning for speeding and when Anderson appeared, Trotter said, they were ter-

ror-stricken. They thought they might be jailed and their vehicle seized.

Trotter said as the fears of the class members receded, questioning mounted. They wanted to know how often the police beat people, what to do about neighbors who have loud parties and whether a constable prefers the title policeman or cop.

Another area of concern was Ontario's liquor laws. They wanted to know where it is legal to drink — a balcony, the backyard, a public park — and seemed confused as to the rationale of some of the restrictions.

Anderson also told the students what one should expect if arrested and the rights and freedoms involved.

In describing Project Mainstream's latest developments, Trotter said the program is under a continual process of fine

tuning to meet the needs of English as a second language students.

For example, the fact that computer use in technical design is rare in Europe and developing countries came as an eye-opener to Trotter. On a tour of Brattan Tool Industries Ltd. in Kitchener, students interested in technical occupations were introduced for the first time to the concept of computer-aided design.

"We went, 'Holy smokes, these guys don't know anything about computers,'" Trotter said.

They decided to implement computer awareness into the curriculum and taught the students word processing, with each student developing a cover letter to send to potential employers. Trotter said the task was not easy, since some students are nearly English-illiterate or are not familiar with the English alphabet.



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